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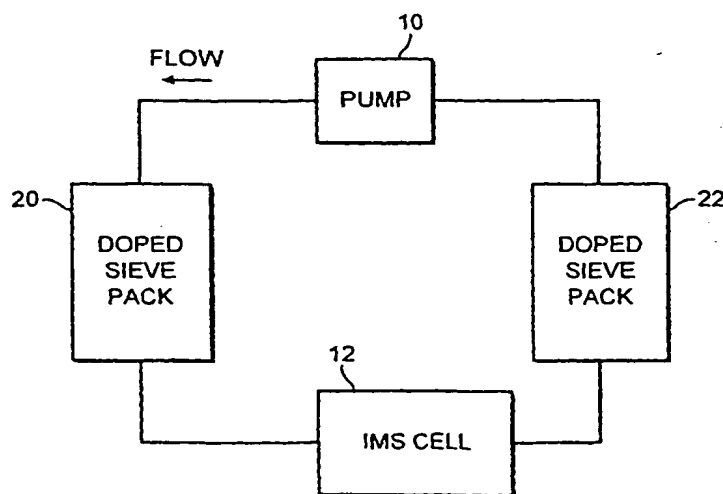
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- For two-letter codes and other abbreviations, refer to the "Guidance Notes on Codes and Abbreviations" appearing at the beginning of each regular issue of the PCT Gazette.

(54) Title: **ION MOBILITY SPECTROMETER**



(57) Abstract: An ion mobility spectrometer system comprising: an ion mobility detector; a gas/vapour circulating system for the ion mobility detector into which samples of gases and vapours of interest may be drawn for detection by the ion mobility spectrometer; the circulating system comprising an ion mobility cell (12), means for drying and/or cleaning (20, 22) the circulating gases/vapours in the circulating system, a dopant source (20, 22), and means for causing circulation (10) of the gases/vapours within the circulating system; in which the dopant source and the means for drying and/or cleaning the circulating gases/vapours are combined (20, 22), whereby the need for a physically separate dopant source for the system is obviated. The dopant source material may be combined with the material for drying and or cleaning the circulating gases/vapours.

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# PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

From the INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

# PCT

NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT  
OR THE DECLARATION

(PCT Rule 44.1)

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Date of mailing  
(day/month/year) **25/09/2000**

Applicant's or agent's file reference  
**MNM/P30501W0**

**FOR FURTHER ACTION** See paragraphs 1 and 4 below

International application No.  
**PCT/GB 00/ 02390**

International filing date  
(day/month/year) **21/06/2000**

Applicant  
**GRASEBY DYNAMICS LIMITED et al.**

1. ☒ The applicant is hereby notified that the International Search Report has been established and is transmitted herewith.

**Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:**

The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the International Application (see Rule 46):

**When?** The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the International Search Report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

**Where?** Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO  
34, chemin des Colombettes  
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland  
Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35

**For more detailed instructions,** see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. ☐ The applicant is hereby notified that no International Search Report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.

3. ☐ **With regard to the protest** against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:

☐ the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.

☐ no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. **Further action(s):** The applicant is reminded of the following:

Shortly after **18 months** from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

Within **19 months** from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later).

Within **20 months** from the priority date, the applicant must perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before all designated Offices which have not been elected in the demand or in a later election within 19 months from the priority date or could not be elected because they are not bound by Chapter II.

Name and mailing address of the International Searching Authority



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## NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220

These Notes are intended to give the basic instructions concerning the filing of amendments under article 19. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under that Treaty. In case of discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable. For more detailed information, see also the PCT Applicant's Guide, a publication of WIPO.

In these Notes, "Article", "Rule", and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions respectively.

### INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 19

The applicant has, after having received the international search report, one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application. It should however be emphasized that, since all parts of the international application (claims, description and drawings) may be amended during the international preliminary examination procedure, there is usually no need to file amendments of the claims under Article 19 except where, e.g. the applicant wants the latter to be published for the purposes of provisional protection or has another reason for amending the claims before international publication. Furthermore, it should be emphasized that provisional protection is available in some States only.

#### What parts of the international application may be amended?

Under Article 19, only the claims may be amended.

During the international phase, the claims may also be amended (or further amended) under Article 34 before the International Preliminary Examining Authority. The description and drawings may only be amended under Article 34 before the International Examining Authority.

Upon entry into the national phase, all parts of the international application may be amended under Article 28 or, where applicable, Article 41.

#### When?

Within 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. It should be noted, however, that the amendments will be considered as having been received on time if they are received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the applicable time limit but before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication (Rule 46.1).

#### Where not to file the amendments?

The amendments may only be filed with the International Bureau and not with the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority (Rule 46.2).

Where a demand for international preliminary examination has been/is filed, see below.

#### How?

Either by cancelling one or more entire claims, by adding one or more new claims or by amending the text of one or more of the claims as filed.

A replacement sheet must be submitted for each sheet of the claims which, on account of an amendment or amendments, differs from the sheet originally filed.

All the claims appearing on a replacement sheet must be numbered in Arabic numerals. Where a claim is cancelled, no renumbering of the other claims is required. In all cases where claims are renumbered, they must be renumbered consecutively (Administrative Instructions, Section 205(b)).

The amendments must be made in the language in which the international application is to be published.

#### What documents must/may accompany the amendments?

##### Letter (Section 205(b)):

The amendments must be submitted with a letter.

The letter will not be published with the international application and the amended claims. It should not be confused with the "Statement under Article 19(1)" (see below, under "Statement under Article 19(1)").

The letter must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

## NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220 (continued)

The letter must indicate the differences between the claims as filed and the claims as amended. It must, in particular, indicate, in connection with each claim appearing in the international application (it being understood that identical indications concerning several claims may be grouped), whether

- (i) the claim is unchanged;
- (ii) the claim is cancelled;
- (iii) the claim is new;
- (iv) the claim replaces one or more claims as filed;
- (v) the claim is the result of the division of a claim as filed.

The following examples illustrate the manner in which amendments must be explained in the accompanying letter:

1. [Where originally there were 48 claims and after amendment of some claims there are 51]:  
"Claims 1 to 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37 to 48 replaced by amended claims bearing the same numbers; claims 30, 33 and 36 unchanged; new claims 49 to 51 added."
2. [Where originally there were 15 claims and after amendment of all claims there are 11]:  
"Claims 1 to 15 replaced by amended claims 1 to 11."
3. [Where originally there were 14 claims and the amendments consist in cancelling some claims and in adding new claims]:  
"Claims 1 to 6 and 14 unchanged; claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added." or  
"Claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added; all other claims unchanged."
4. [Where various kinds of amendments are made]:  
"Claims 1-10 unchanged; claims 11 to 13, 18 and 19 cancelled; claims 14, 15 and 16 replaced by amended claim 14; claim 17 subdivided into amended claims 15, 16 and 17; new claims 20 and 21 added."

### "Statement under article 19(1)" (Rule 46.4)

The amendments may be accompanied by a statement explaining the amendments and indicating any impact that such amendments might have on the description and the drawings (which cannot be amended under Article 19(1)).

The statement will be published with the international application and the amended claims.

**It must be in the language in which the international application is to be published.**

It must be brief, not exceeding 500 words if in English or if translated into English.

It should not be confused with and does not replace the letter indicating the differences between the claims as filed and as amended. It must be filed on a separate sheet and must be identified as such by a heading, preferably by using the words "Statement under Article 19(1)."

It may not contain any disparaging comments on the international search report or the relevance of citations contained in that report. Reference to citations, relevant to a given claim, contained in the international search report may be made only in connection with an amendment of that claim.

### Consequence if a demand for international preliminary examination has already been filed

If, at the time of filing any amendments under Article 19, a demand for international preliminary examination has already been submitted, the applicant must preferably, at the same time of filing the amendments with the International Bureau, also file a copy of such amendments with the International Preliminary Examining Authority (see Rule 62.2(a), first sentence).

### Consequence with regard to translation of the international application for entry into the national phase

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that, where upon entry into the national phase, a translation of the claims as amended under Article 19 may have to be furnished to the designated/elected Offices, instead of, or in addition to, the translation of the claims as filed.

For further details on the requirements of each designated/elected Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference <b>MNM/P30501WO</b>	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. <b>PCT/GB 00/02390</b>	International filing date (day/month/year) <b>21/06/2000</b>	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) <b>23/06/1999</b>
Applicant <b>GRASEBY DYNAMICS LIMITED et al.</b>		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

## 1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

☐ contained in the international application in written form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of Invention is lacking (see Box II).

## 4. With regard to the title,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

**ION MOBILITY SPECTROMETER**

## 5. With regard to the abstract,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

## 6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/GB 00/ 02390

## Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)

An ion mobility spectrometer system comprising: an ion mobility detector; a gas/vapour circulating system for the ion mobility detector into which samples of gases and vapours of interest may be drawn for detection by the ion mobility spectrometer; the circulating system comprising an ion mobility cell (12), means for drying and/or cleaning (20,22) the circulating gases/vapours in the circulating system, a dopant source (20,22), and means for causing circulation (10) of the gases/vapours within the circulating system; in which the dopant source and the means for drying and/or cleaning the circulating gases/vapours are combined (20,22), whereby the need for a physically separate dopant source for the system is obviated. The dopant source material may be combined with the material for drying and or cleaning the circulating gases/vapours.

**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**  
IPC 7 G01N27/62

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 G01N B01D B01J H01J

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, INSPEC

**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	HARDEN C S ET AL: "RELATIVE PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS OF HAND-HELD ION MOBILITY SPECTROMETERS - THE CHEMICAL AGENT MONITOR AND A NEW MINIATURE IMS INSTRUMENT" PROCEEDINGS OF THE ERDEC CONFERENCE ON CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE, XX, XX, July 1996 (1996-07), pages 217-223, XP002916069	1,3
Y	page 218, paragraphs 2,3; figure 1A	10
X	EP 0 219 602 A (ALLIED CORP) 29 April 1987 (1987-04-29) cited in the application	1,11
Y	column 2, line 40-51 column 7, line 2-30; figure 1	10
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☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

\* Special categories of cited documents:

"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance

"E" earlier document but published on or after the international filing date

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"O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means

"P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

"T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

"Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.

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Date of the actual completion of the international search

13 September 2000

Date of mailing of the international search report

25/09/2000

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	EP 0 135 747 A (BENDIX CORP) 3 April 1985 (1985-04-03)	1,3,4
Y	page 12, line 22 -page 15, line 6; figure 4	10
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A	--- FR 2 331 791 A (VEILLARD CAMILLE) 10 June 1977 (1977-06-10) page 1, line 25,26 page 2, line 9-13 -----	1



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Information on patent family members

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**Attn: International Preliminary Examining Authority**

**Our Ref: P30501WO/MNM**

**Your Ref:**

25 April 2001

Dear Sirs

**International (PCT) Patent Application No. PCT/GB00/02390  
In the name of Graseby Dynamics Limited**

We are writing in reply to the PCT "Notification of receipt of Demand" dated 6 February 2001.

With that notification, you attached a corrected page 1 of the form IPEA 401 on which the name and address of the applicant/inventor Robert Brian Turner had been added ex officio.

We are writing to point out that Mr Turner's second forename is Brian and not "Brain". We attach a further copy of page 1 of the form with the correction marked in ink.

Yours faithfully

M N Maggs  
Authorised Representative  
Kilburn & Strode  
Enc:

The demand must be filed directly with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority or, if two or more Authorities are competent, with the one chosen by the applicant. The full name or two-letter code of that Authority may be indicated by the applicant on the line below.

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**DEMAND**

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under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:  
The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty and hereby elects all eligible States (except where otherwise indicated).

28.12.2000

For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only

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Identification of IPEA IPEA / EP		Date of receipt of DEMAND 28-12-2000
<b>Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION</b>		Applicant's or agent's file reference MNM/P30501WO
International application No PCT/GB00/02390	International filing date (day/month/year) 21 June 2000	(Earliest) Priority date (day/month/year) 23 June 1999
Title of invention ION MOBILITY SPECTROMETERS		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Further applicants are indicated on a continuation sheet		

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The following person is ☒ agent ☐ common representative  
and ☐ has been appointed earlier and represents the applicant(s) also for international preliminary examination.  
☐ is hereby appointed and any earlier appointment of (an) agent(s)/common representative is hereby revoked.  
☐ is hereby appointed, specifically for the procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority, in addition to the agent(s)/common representative appointed earlier.

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☐ Address for correspondence: Mark this check-box where no agent or common representative is/has been appointed and the space above is used instead to indicate a special address to which correspondence should be sent.

**Box No. IV BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION**

**Statement concerning amendments:\***

1. The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination to start on the basis of:

☒ the international application as originally filed

the description ☒ as originally filed  
☐ as amended under Article 34

the claims ☒ as originally filed  
☐ as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)  
☐ as amended under Article 34

the drawings ☒ as originally filed  
☐ as amended under Article 34

2. ☐ The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.

3. ☐ The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination to be postponed until the expiration of 20 months from the priority date unless the International Preliminary Examining Authority receives a copy of any amendments made under Article 19 or a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make such amendments (Rule 69.1(d)). *(This check-box may be marked only where the time limit under Article 19 has not yet expired.)*

\* Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended.

Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination: English

- ☒ which is the language in which the international application was filed.  
☐ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search.  
☐ which is the language of publication of the international application.  
☐ which is the language of the translation (to be) furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination.

**Box No. V ELECTION OF STATES**

The applicant hereby elects all eligible States *(that is, all States which have been designated and which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT)*

excluding the following States which the applicant wishes not to elect:

Sheet No. 3

International application No.  
PCT/GB00/02390

**Box No. VI CHECK LIST**

The demand is accompanied by the following elements, in the language referred to in Box No. IV, for the purposes of international preliminary examination:

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|--|-----|--------|
| 1. translation of international application                              | : 0 | sheets |
| 2. amendments under Article 34   | : 0 | sheets |
| 3. copy (or, where required, translation) of amendments under Article 19 | : 0 | sheets |
| 4. copy (or, where required, translation) of statement under Article 19  | : 0 | sheets |
| 5. letter  | : 1 | sheets |
| 6. other ( <i>specify</i> )  | : 0 | sheets |

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The demand is also accompanied by the item(s) marked below:

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18.06.2001

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## IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No.  
PCT/GB00/02390

International filing date (day/month/year)  
21/06/2000

Priority date (day/month/year)  
23/06/1999

Applicant  
GRASEBY DYNAMICS LIMITED et al.

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Applicant <b>GRASEBY DYNAMICS LIMITED et al.</b>		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.
 

☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I    ☒ Basis of the report
- II   ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV   ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V    ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI   ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand  <b>28/12/2000</b>	Date of completion of this report  <b>18.06.2001</b>
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# INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/GB00/0239

## I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

### Description, pages:

1-5 as originally filed

### Claims, No.:

1-13 as originally filed

### Drawings, sheets:

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2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:



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International application No. PCT/GB00/0236

☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

*(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)*

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

## V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

### 1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	2,5-10,12,13
	No:	Claims	1,3,4,11
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	2,5-9,12,13
	No:	Claims	1,3,4,10,11
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-13
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations  
**see separate sheet**

## VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:  
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## VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:  
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1. Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1: C.S. Harden *et al.*, Proceedings of the ERDEC Conference on Chemical and Biological Defence (1996) 217-223
- D2: EP 0 219 602 A2
- D3: EP 0 135 747 A2
- D4: WO 96/37773

**Re Item V**

2. The present application does not meet the requirements of Article 33(1) PCT, because, as far as it can be understood (see paragraph 4.1. below), the subject-matter of **claims 1, 3, 4 and 11** is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT and the subject-matter of **claim 10** does not involve an inventive step in the sense of Article 33(3) PCT.

- 2.1. D1 discloses an ion mobility spectrometer system (see Fig.1A) comprising: an ion mobility detector (p.218 §3 I.6: "reaction and drift regions"; "Faraday plate" in Fig.1A); a gas/vapour circulating system (p.218 §3 I.6: "carrier and drift gases are continuously recirculated") for the ion mobility detector into which samples of gases and vapours of interest may be drawn for detection (p.218 §3 I.2); the circulating system comprising an ion mobility cell, means for drying and/or cleaning the circulating gases/vapours in the circulating system ("scrubber" in Fig.1A), a dopant source ("dopant" in Fig.1A), and means for causing circulation of the gases/vapours within the circulating system ("pump" in Fig.1A); in which the dopant source and the means for drying and/or cleaning the circulating gases/vapours are applied together in the ion mobility spectrometer system (see Fig.1A; see also paragraph 4.1. below). Consequently, D1 appears to disclose all features of claim 1.

Similarly, D2 (see Fig.1, col.2 I.40-51, col.7 I.2-30) and D3 (see Fig.4, p.12 I.25-28, p.14 I.24, p.15 I.3) disclose all features of **claim 1**.

**Claim 1** hence is not considered to be new (Article 33(2) PCT).

- 2.2. The features of dependent **claims 3, 4 and 11** are also disclosed in D1, D2 and/or D3:

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- **claim 3:** D1: p.218 §3 I.6-7; D3: p.14 I.29-31;
- **claim 4:** D3: p.15 I.1-3;
- **claim 11:** D2: col.7 I.28;

2.3. The additional feature of **claim 10** has already been disclosed in D4 (see p.4 §5 I.1-2), which document also describes an ion mobility spectrometer system comprising a molecular sieve as means for drying the circulating gases/vapours (see p.1 I.3-4).

The subject-matter of **claim 10** hence does not meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT).

2.4. The additional features of dependent **claims 2, 5-9, 12 and 13** are neither disclosed nor hinted at in any of the available prior art documents. The subject-matter of these claims hence satisfies the requirements of Article 33(1) PCT.

**Re Item VII**

- 3.1. The features of the claims should have been provided with reference numerals placed in parentheses to increase the intelligibility of the claims (Rule 6.2(b) PCT).
- 3.2. On page 3, between lines 3 and 4, a paragraph should have been added briefly describing the figures in the drawings (Rule 5.1(a)(iv) PCT).
- 3.3. In order to make clear that Fig.1 shows a known IMS system, the expression "prior art" should have been added to Fig.1.

**Re Item VIII**

- 4. The application does not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT, because some of the claims are not clear (see paragraphs 4.1. and 4.2. below) and because inconsistencies exist between the claims and the description (see paragraphs 4.3. and 4.4. below).

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- 4.1. The feature in **claim 1** "in which the dopant source and the means for drying and /or cleaning ... are combined" is vague and indefinite, thereby rendering the definition of the subject-matter of said claim unclear (Article 6 PCT). It is not at all clear in which way these two elements are "combined". The phrase could be interpreted as to said two elements being mounted in one casing or even as to said two elements being applied together in an IMS system.
- 4.2. The features in **claim 2** "the dopant source material" and "the material for drying and/or cleaning" lack antecedence.  
The same applies to the features "the dopant material" (**claims 5, 9, 11, 12 and 13**), "the molecular sieve material" (**claims 5, 9, 10, 12 and 13**) and "the combined dopant and molecular sieve material" (**claim 9**).
- 4.3. **Claim 1** is not supported by the description (Article 6 PCT), in that its subject-matter is broader than is described in the respective part of the description (p.1 I.20-23).
- 4.4. The feature combinations as set out on p.1 I.24 - p.2 I.3 of the description have not been claimed. This passage should hence have been deleted.

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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